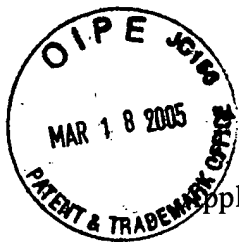


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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 18, 2005,
applicants re-submit, with revisions, the amendment under 37 CFR §1.115.

Before introducing the amendment, applicants would relate that the criticism under 4E
appears erroneous, given that the amendments to the claims are in fact on separate pages as
required under 37 CFR §1.121.

Withdrawn claims 33-38 are now included in the listing of claims as called for under
Section 4B of said Notice.